

## TIPP CITY TREE BOARD

**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO April 9, 2008**

### **Tree Board Meeting**

Chairman Rambeau called this meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order at 5:15 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Members in attendance included: William Duff, Joanna Pittenger, and Tim Rambeau.

Also in attendance were Park Superintendent Jim Asher, Electric Tree Crew members John Montgomery and Dave Slife, and Board Secretary Marilyn Fennell. Also present were Janet Carpenter, Phyllis Hale, and Gene Davis.

### **Minutes Approval** February 13, 2008

The minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Pittenger **moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2008 as presented.** Mr. Duff seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### March 12, 2008 Workshop

The minutes of the March 12, 2008 workshop meeting were reviewed by the Board. Mr. Duff **moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2008 workshop.** Mrs. Pittenger seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

### **Citizens' Comments Not on the Agenda**

Ms. Carpenter asked about the tree removed in front of the new location of the Coldwater Café, 19 E. Main Street. There were several reasons given for the tree removal. She asked if the City was going to replant a tree and what variety. Mr. Rambeau said the owners applied to the Board and the tree was removed as it was against the building and once the building is completed, there will be a tree replanted. A more columnar variety will probably be chosen. He also pointed out there have been 8 trees planted in the rear at their new parking lot.

Ms. Hale had several items of discussion. She first asked about Streetscape and will all the trees be removed as they were on other sections. She was told that the plans have not been drafted for that section of the project. Mr. Duff said he thought it would 3-4 years before the project reached the downtown area.

Her next question was regarding some oak trees that had been cut down in City Park and the removal of the logs. Mr. Asher said they had been dangerous trees and the City had been approached by a logger to purchase them. She wondered if the money would go to the Park Fund to buy new trees. Mr. Asher said the funds would go to the General Fund. Ms. Hale also asked about mulching and watering all the trees in the city parks. Mr.

Asher replied that all new trees are mulched and watered. Mr. Rambeau said mulch will last 2-3 years which will keep the mowers away from them and the competition down from grass, etc. Ms. Hale thought the Edsall report had recommended that the trees be mulched and watered.

She next asked about the Milner Fund. Mr. Rambeau said it is an annual disbursement from the fund based on the interest earned. Mr. Asher said he has to submit annually for those moneys.

Ms. Hale then asked about the removal of 4 trees at the First Baptist Church on S. Tipp-Cowlesville Road. She was told by the Utility company that they were trimming the trees under the lines and offered to take the trees down after speaking to the pastor. She wasn't sure that was a good choice. Mr. Rambeau said she would need to take it up with the pastor. Mr. Slife said they were old Chinese Elm and he had spoken to a trustee of the church to get permission to remove the trees and were all over the single-phase power line. In order to get the clearance that was needed, it would have left them severely topped. Ms. Hale said she had sent the pastor information on the approved list of trees.

Mr. Gene Davis said he wished to plant some new trees in the curb area of his property at 210 S. Hyatt St. He was interested in the Tri-colored Beech but something else was recommended. Tree lilacs were recommended and some others. Mr. Asher said he needed to check the location as it is near a stop sign and an intersection. Mr. Davis said he would call when he had the stakes placed so that Mr. Asher could do so.

### **New Business**

Tree removal- 121  
W. Plum St.

Mr. Rambeau said the health of the tree is not an issue. The applicant had to recently have a plumber remove roots. It did appear the sidewalk was being lifted and if that repair is to be done, and then the roots can be checked for the 3" rule. If the sewer line was full of roots, then that is typically a sign that there are cracks in the line and the roots have gone looking for the moisture. Mr. Duff said he had sympathy for the homeowner. The Board denied the request to remove the tree.

Container trees

Mr. Rambeau said he is still working on this project. The questions that need worked out how to pay for the trees and planting on personal property. Mr. Rambeau thought he should go to Council and present his idea and see if they agree.

2008 Arbor Day,  
March 25, 2008

The Board will begin the Big Tree Contest during Arbor Day Week and they chose Sugar Maple as the variety of tree they are looking for this year. Mr. Rambeau will again distribute seedlings to the First Graders. Mrs. Fennell needs to notify the schools. Mr.

Tree City USA

Rambeau will provide a tree for a lobby display. Mr. Asher said he will plant 2 trees in Kyle Park. He has been looking for Black Walnut trees. Mr. Duff recommended he check with Deeter's Nursery.

Tree City USA award program/luncheon will be March 24, 2008 in Oakwood. Councilman Pat Hale, Mrs. Pittenger, and Mr. Montgomery will attend. The confirmation for the 24<sup>th</sup> award and a Growth Award was received.

**Old Business**

Revision of Approved list of trees, Code §97

Mr. Duff and Mr. Rambeau are to supply the scientific name for the new trees added to the list during the March workshop.

Tree Board Brochure

Some minor revisions have been made to the brochure and added a paragraph on the Emerald Ash Borer. Once the approved list of trees is complete, then the shortened list on the brochure can be revised. The Board members names will be placed on clear labels and placed on the brochures as needed. Mr. Rambeau asked about placing the e-mail addresses on them. The City website should be added to the back also.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Rambeau reviewed Mr. Asher's stump removal list. Mr. Rambeau said there are some stumps on S. Sixth/Wells Place. There is also a dead, dangerous tree at 532 S. Third that needs removed.

(Board member left)

(Mrs. Pittenger was called for an EMS run- 6:13 pm.)

Mr. Rambeau also asked Mr. Asher to check with Dolly Inc. to see when they are going to be replanting their trees that they removed. Also Benkin's Antiques on Main Street is still on the fall planting list as Browns were unable to remove enough of the remaining stump this past fall.

**Next Meeting Date Adjournment**

The next meeting will be June 11, 2008 at 5:15pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Rambeau and unanimously approved.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Rambeau, Board Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Fennell, Board Secretary